

STATE OF COLORADO )  
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COUNTY OF ELBERT )

At a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Elbert County, State of Colorado, held at the Elbert County Administrative Building in Kiowa, Colorado 80117 on Wednesday, the 17th day of November 2021, there were present:

Chris Richardson	County Commissioner, Chairman
Rick Pettitt	County Commissioner
Grant Thayer	County Commissioner
Amanda Moore	Deputy Clerk to the Board

When the following proceedings, among others, were had and done, to wit:

**RESOLUTION 21-39  
OPPOSING THE IMPOSITION OF VACCINE MANDATES AND  
IMPLEMENTATION OF "VACCINE PASSPORTS"**

**WHEREAS**, Amendment IV of the US Constitution provides protection of the rights of individuals to be secure in their persons...papers, and effects" and, Amendment XIV requires equal treatment under the law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Supreme Court has found a constitutionally secured right of privacy in multiple rulings that specifically protect individuals' freedom to make certain decisions about their bodies and their private lives without interference from the government; and

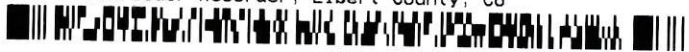
**WHEREAS**, Colorado law (SB 21-142) states in part that, "Every person has a right to privacy with respect to personal health decisions, free from coercion or interference from the government."; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of Colorado has publicly acknowledged that, "Adults should be free to make their own decisions and mistakes."; and

**WHEREAS**, the Elbert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has previously expressed their trust in the ability of our citizens to make sound decisions regarding their own health and safety, that of their families, and that of their neighbors; and

**WHEREAS**, the BOCC is aware of the concerns of many citizens upon hearing discussions of implementation of mandated COVID-19 vaccinations and "vaccine passports" in other Colorado counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the BOCC has determined that vaccine mandates take from individuals their right to make personal medical decisions and, the use of "vaccine passports" violates medical privacy and justifies unequal treatment of individuals.



**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ELBERT COUNTY, COLORADO does hereby:**

- (1) Publicly announce its opposition to COVID-19 vaccine mandates and the use of "vaccine passports" imposed by any level of government; and
- (2) Commit itself to ensuring that no citizen of Elbert County shall be denied any county service or protection based on their vaccination status; and
- (3) Assure all current and future employees of Elbert County Government that their individual vaccine status shall not be considered as a factor in hiring or retention decisions; and

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED** that all local governments within Elbert County are encouraged to adopt a similar public position in these matters.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** on the 17th day of November 2021.

Upon a Motion duly made and seconded, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

 _____ Chris Richardson, Commissioner	AYE
 _____ Rick Pettitt, Commissioner	AYE
 _____ Grant Thayer, Commissioner	AYE

ATTEST: DALLAS SCHROEDER  
COUNTY CLERK

BY: Amanda Moore  
DEPUTY CLERK TO THE BOARD – Amanda Moore

